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LETTER DATED 28 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform that a number of Iraqi military aircrafts have made emergency landing in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The National Security Council of the Islamic Republic, reiterating the position of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning non-engagement in present hostilities, warned the belligerent parties to refrain from any use of Iranian airspace. It further decided that in the event of emergency landing of any aircraft of either side in the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the aircraft would be seized and held until the termination of hostilities.

In this connection, the Islamic Republic of Iran has registered to the government of Iraq its strong protest at the emergency landing of the above-mentioned aircrafts. Furthermore, reiterating the position of non-engagement of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the hostilities in the Persian Gulf and its commitment to resolutions of the Security Council, the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran has informed the government of Iraq that, in line with relevant rules of international law, the Islamic Republic of Iran will not allow the use of military vessels and personnel who have entered the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran to any of the belligerent parties until the termination of hostilities.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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